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Golden Knights jump into jamboree

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Eyes look skyward, squinting against the Wednesday morning sun, awaiting the moment gold and black parachutes open as a signal to everyone the show has begun. Red smoke streams behind the first Golden Knight as Sgt. Hector Ceja, a member of the Black Team, U.S. Army Parachute Team out of Fort Bragg, N.C., spirals downward through the sky. As he lands smoothly in the designated area, Ceja is ready to grab his microphone and narrate the actions of his fellow teammates who are preparing to jump for the morning event.

Boy Scouts watched excitedly as the Black Team leaped from 12,500 feet in the air, free falling to 2,500 feet, where



Photo by Army Spc. Daniel Rusch

The Golden Knights salute the crowd during the parachute demonstration.

their parachutes open.

"We go approximately 120 miles per hour before the parachute opens," said Ceja. "We drop about 10,000 feet in the 60 seconds between the jump and the opening of the chutes."

The team started the show in a tight formation, the smoke trailing from their ankles created a single, wide, red stream behind them. Then, the Golden Knights split into a "bomb burst maneuver" in which they parted and spiraled down from all directions of the compass, Ceja narrat-

ed to the crowd as the parachutists performed.

The team executes more than 27,000 jumps a year and travels 230 days of the year to accomplish those jumps. The Golden Knights also hold a competition record of 494 championships, which include both national and worldwide titles, and is a direct result of the knights being "relentless in their skills and courage, not only in the air but on the ground," said Ceja.

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Photo by Army Sgt. Chris Pisano

Senate Majority Leader visits

By Sgt. Frank Pellegrini
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U.S. Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., came here Wednesday to address the Scouts of the 2005 National Scout Jamboree.

Foremost on his mind was the importance of the U.S. military's support to the Scouts gathered

before him.

"Federal support for the jamboree -- what we are doing here today -- is important in helping to train our brave men and women in the military," he said.

Frist was proud to announce the "Support Our Scouts Act of 2005" as an amendment to the Department of Defense authorization bill, he sponsored.

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A.P. Hill Safety and Weather Forecast



Safety



Remember to maintain your hydration levels. Drink at least two quarts of water an hour. Keep an eye on your buddy, too.



Today



Mostly cloudy. Chance of showers in the morning and afternoon. Highs in the 80's. Chance of rain 50 percent.



Tomorrow



Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers. Highs around 80.

Leaders cancel arena show

Extreme weather took its toll on a crowd of Scouts, JTF-NSJ's safety preparations and speedy evacuations made all the difference on a potentially deadly day.

**By Army Sgt. Frank Pellegrini
361st Press Camp Headquarters**

By the time Jamboree chairman Francis Olmstead took the Arena stage Wednesday and told the more than 42,000 Scouts, Scout leaders; and servicemembers who'd come to hear President George W. Bush speak that the show had to be cancelled due to weather conditions, nearly 300 Scouts needed medical attention for heat-related injuries.

For the Scout leaders, local first responders and servicemembers of Joint Task Force NSJ, the heat came as no surprise as they had prepared for it.

Boy Scout officials were already calling this summer's Jamboree the hottest in memory, with temperatures consistently topping 90 degrees and some oppressive central-Virginia humidity pushing "wet bulb" measurements past 100 degrees.

Warnings about

the usual preventative measures--drink water, lay off the soda, take regular shade breaks and oh, drink more water-- had been ubiquitous all week.

The event field itself was awash in water: three truckloads of bottled water, pre-positioned 'water buffaloes' parked on the grass, and U.S. Army fire trucks dispatched to spray the crowd.

"That was just what we needed, a brilliant idea on somebody's part," said the Boy Scouts' Mike L'Abree. "You can think of it as fooling around with a fire truck, or as really the kind of preventative thinking we should all be about."

But Wednesday was to put all those plans to a test -- a test that had been practiced during the planning of the Jamboree.

Security for the much-anticipated visit from President Bush necessitated that



Leaders talk: Maj. Gen. John A. Yingling (left), Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, M.D., R-Tenn (right), and a Boy Scout official at Wednesday's Arena event. (Photo by Army Maj. Vince Mitchell)

Scouts begin filing onto the field hours before his arrival.

By the time Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist had arrived and given a brief address, the weather had caused enough concern that the event was cut short to prevent any further heat-related injuries.

"There were heroes out there. Heroes and heroes and heroes. I didn't know their names. All I know is a lot of them were wearing fatigues."

**- Lt. Col. George Roark,
JTF-NSJ Staff Medical Officer**

Three days before, after a mass casualty triage-and-evacuation training exercise staged on the very same field, to train for just such an event, Army Lt. Col. George Roark, the Joint Task Force staff medical officer, had talked about the "Golden Hour": the critical span of time in which casualties of any kind must be evacuated and put into the medical system.

Wednesday, Roark and the rest of the Joint Task Force personnel on scene had a Golden Hour of their own. The

exercise had been very worthwhile, and lessons, Roark said, had been learned.

Flawless air support from Army National Guard MEDEVAC teams, Army flight medics and Army Reserve Blackhawks; expert triage from local first responders; cool-headed crowd control from MPs responsible for keeping exiting crowds off roads needed by rescue vehicles was the norm.

To the untrained eyes of the majority of attendees, the event had perhaps been a bit of a disappointment, because of the cancellation of both President Bush's visit and the post-show entertainment (thunderstorms indeed arrived, right after the Scouts had been led to shelter).

To Roark, it was nothing less than trouble averted.

"There were heroes out there. Heroes and heroes and heroes. I didn't know all their names," said a weary Roark afterward, shaking his shaven head ringed in a red 'Soldier's sunburn' left by his patrol cap. "All I know is a lot of them were wearing fatigues."



Photo by Army Sgt. Joe Morris

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Photo by Army Spc. Daniel Rusch

A Golden Knight slowly floats back to Earth as part of the great spectacle.

The courage and skill began with 13 Soldiers who formed the first Army parachute team in 1959. The team was officially recognized and activated on June 1, 1961, Ceja explained. A year later it adopted the name the "Golden Knights."

The inspiration for the name came from the team's winning ability at competitions, which was demonstrated at the show. From beginning to end, the crowd watched them intently.

As the Knights landed one by one on the field, the Boy Scouts eagerly stepped forward to get the parachutists' autographs. The team handed out fliers which had an aerial photograph that they also signed.

"It feels like...it's very hard to describe," Sgt. Paul McAlpine, a Black Team Golden Knights demonstrator said in response to a Boy Scout's question.

"It's definitely something everybody should try. It's exhilarating," he said.

The Golden Knights were not the only ones who enjoyed the performance. Even

though the performance lasted only 20 minutes, it was clear the crowd enjoyed it.

"The best part was to see my favorite team jump. I've always been a big fan," said Dalton Matthews, a Star Scout from Southwest Okla.

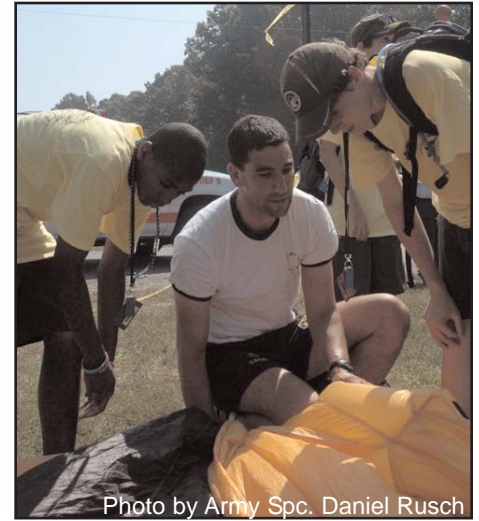


Photo by Army Spc. Daniel Rusch

Sgt. Paul McAlpine shows two Boy Scouts the parachute cleaning process.

Army dragster hits NSJ

By Army Sgt. Chris Pisano &
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In ancient times, thousands of soldiers would ride into battle atop horses and engage in combat to attain dominance over the enemy. Today, only one man is needed to finish this race to victory on the battlefield, and he rides in with 7,000 horses... under a hood.



Photo by Army Spc. Jose Martinez

Two Scouts examine the Army's Top Fuel Dragster, which has 7,000 horsepower.

Here at the 2005 National Scout Jamboree, the Army chose to break out one of its most popular toys, the U.S. Army Sponsored Top Fuel Dragster. Tony "The Sarge" Schumacher, pilot of this 'on land' rocket, is a highly-trained professional, and since the Army took sponsorship of his craft in 2000, he's been an army of one -- running away with more confirmed kills than John J.

Rambo on a good day.

In 2001, Schumacher and his Army Dragster broke the fastest speed record in the National Hot Rod Association's history — topping the charts at 333.08 mph in the quarter mile.

Representing Tony Schumacher racing here throughout the Jamboree is his crew team member, Andy A. Polk, whose profession truly has his motor running.

"This is a dream



**Tony
"The Sarge"
Schumacher**

job," said Polk. "I've loved racing since I was a little kid, and it's great to be a part of this team."

The Boy Scouts have been rolling at full throttle with their unrelenting enthusiasm for "The Sarge's" superior vehicle, and Polk is just as pleased to be able to take the ride with them.

"They are asking a lot of great questions," said Polk. "It seems like they know more about the team than I actually do. One of the best parts about what we do is traveling across the country meeting people, and who better than Soldiers and Boy Scouts."

According to Polk, Schumacher's loyalty to his fans, duty to perform, respect for his vehicle, selfless-service to his country, honor to achieve, everyday integrity and personal courage on the track make him truly represents the Army Core Values.

"Schumacher and the U.S. Army are a great fit because of what we believe," said Polk. "Both teams believe in teamwork because without that we won't win on the track and the Army won't win on the battlefield."

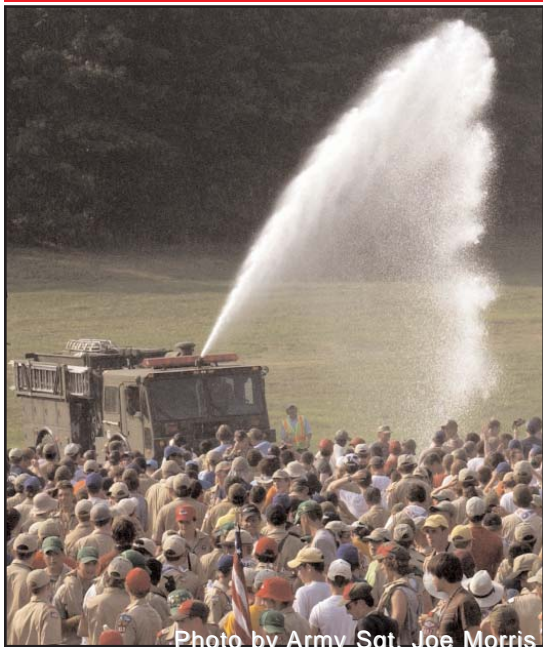


Photo by Army Sgt. Joe Morris

More than training



Photo by Army Staff Sgt. Scott D. Turner



Photo by Army Sgt. Chris Pisano

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“The vote was ninety-eight to nothing,” Frist announced to rousing cheers from the crowd, and then went on to praise “our tremendous military that continues to support your activities.”

After his speech, which included a somber acknowledgement of the tragedy that befell the four Alaskan Scout Leaders Monday, Frist, drenched in sweat as the approximately 42,000 who heard him, lingered on stage to chat with Scout leaders and JTF-NSJ Commander, Maj. Gen. John A. Yingling, and other military servicemembers and pose for pictures with Boy Scouts before departing..

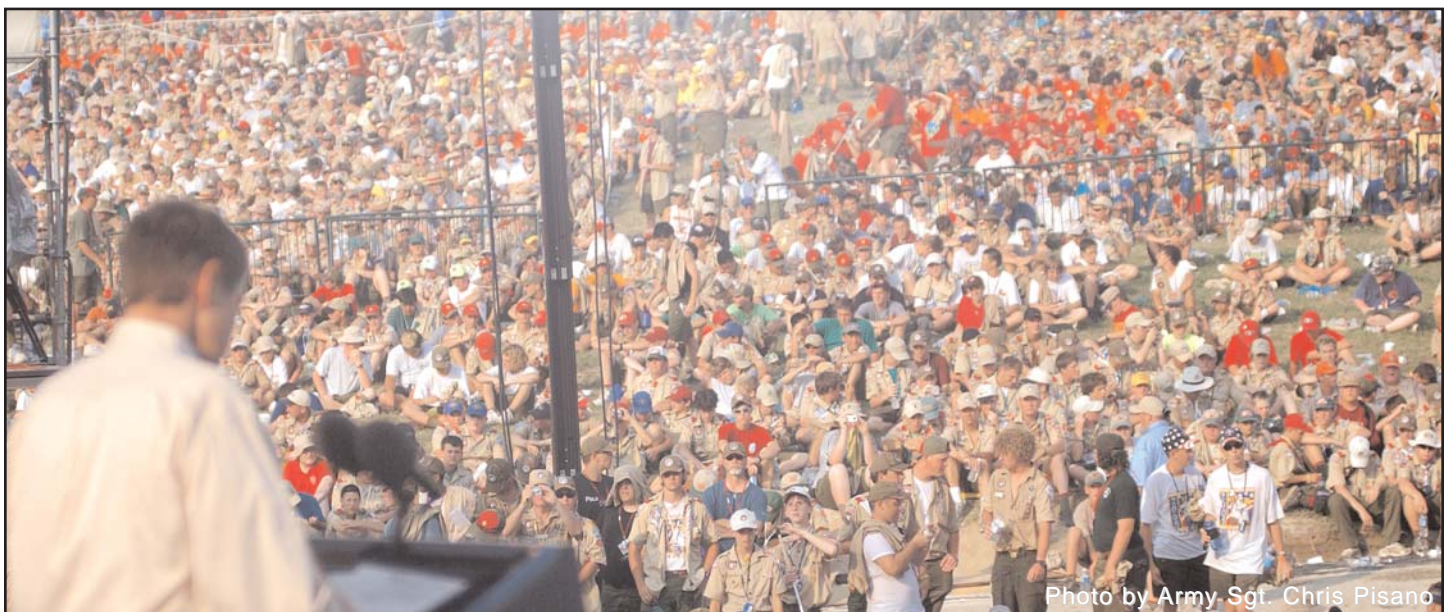


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JTF-NSJ Commander, Maj. Gen. John A. Yingling, stands beside Jamboree Camp Chief, Francis H. Olmstead Jr., at the arena show stage.

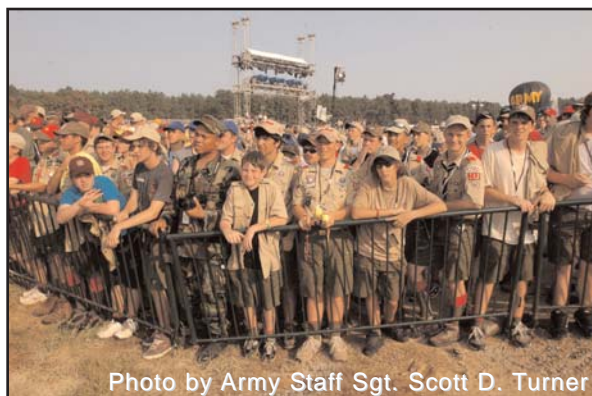


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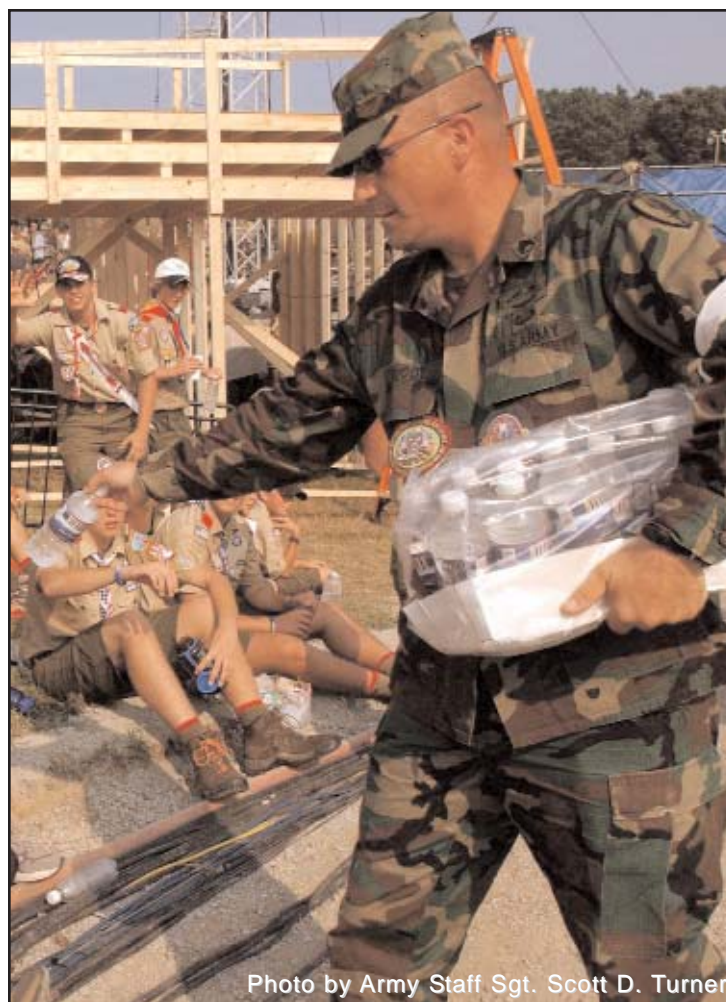


Photo by Army Staff Sgt. Scott D. Turner

Staff Sgt. McCoy, from Fort Rucker, Ala., hands out bottled water to Scouts at the 2005 National Scout Jamboree.



Photo by Army Staff Sgt. Scott D. Turner



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Dad 'soldiers' on while sons 'scout' at jamboree

By Sgt. Brentan Debysingh,
361st Press Camp Headquarters

When most servicemembers go to their annual training, they have to leave their families and civilian lives behind to fulfill their military duties. The National Scout Jamboree is no exception. It provides a great training environment where servicemembers are able to fully support the Boy Scouts of America (BSA).

Leaving loved ones behind for two weeks can be hard, but fortunately for Army Staff Sgt. Scott D. Turner, a public affairs writer for the 358th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, he doesn't have to go far to find two members of his family. All he has to do is head to Subcamp 20.

Turner's two sons, Ryan, 15, and Michael, 17, are seasoned Boy Scouts who have recently attained the much-desired rank of Eagle Scout.

As Turner, whose unit is based in Salt Lake City, Utah, does his part to support the jamboree, his sons enjoy numerous activities, demonstrations and exhibits designed to spark the minds of these young men.

When home is more than 2,000 miles away, it is reassuring for a father when his sons are no more than 20 minutes away, said Turner.

"It's great!" Turner exclaimed. "It's fab-

ulous for them to come out here and associate with their high-quality leaders and enjoy the scouting experience."

Turner's sons reconfirm his attitude. "[Dad being here] makes things go smoother around here," said Michael. He said it makes him feel more comfortable in a new environment to have his father so close.

The Turners' presence at Fort A.P. Hill may seem like a coincidence, but it was actually a "planned" coincidence. Approximately eight months ago, Turner discovered his unit would be based here during the NSJ. He thought it would be a great idea for his sons to be here along with him. They made the necessary arrangements, and when the boys arrived Monday they received a short, but welcomed visit from Turner.

A former Boy Scout himself, Turner has immersed his sons in the BSA culture since they were eight years old. But unlike their dad, who reached the rank of Life Scout, Michael and Ryan's commitment to the Scouts took them one level higher. They are very much aware and

thankful for their parents' involvement.

"Without our parents, we would not have gotten our Eagle Scout," said Ryan, "because they support us a lot."

Even though Turner could not attend the jamboree in a leadership capacity with the BSA, he was still able to contribute to his sons' enjoyment here. In one of his rare moments off, they took a private tour of the Army Adventure Area's Apache Helicopter display.

When the Turner boys reached the rank of Eagle Scout, they joined an impressive fraternity of Boy Scouts. Eagle Scout is the highest advancement rank available to Scouts and less than five percent of all Scouts ever reach that distinguished mark. Becoming an Eagle Scout can mean the possibility of bigger and better things in life for a Scout. The ranks of former Eagle Scouts include Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, former President Gerald R. Ford and entrepreneur H. Ross Perot.

Both Turner boys have different career goals, but they each have considered taking the military route. For Ryan, an aspiring musician, the Army band might suit his calling. Michael, who is fascinated with guns and the outdoors, might also consider accepting the Army's challenge.

For the Turners, meeting together at the NSJ represents a culmination of two very important and influential factors in their lives: the BSA and the Army.



Photo by Army Staff Sgt. Scott D. Turner

Eagle Scout Michael Turner, (far right front) eats breakfast with his troop 2056 from Provo, Utah.



Photo by Army Sgt. Brentan Debysingh

Army Staff Sgt. Scott Turner (second from left) visits a helicopter exhibit with Eagle Scout sons Michael, (left), and Ryan, (right), at the Army Adventure Area.

MWR Events at Wilcox Campsite

MWR Food Court Information

Hours of Operation: 8:00 a.m - 10:00 p.m

Domino's Pizza - Serving pizza by the slice or whole, wings, and cheese sticks

Carol's Funnel Cakes - Fresh funnel cakes with a variety of toppings.

Tavern of Port Royal - World famous crab cakes, cheese-steak subs, North Carolina barbecue and other gourmet items, breakfast sandwiches are also available.

Hornes Ice Cream - Homemade old-fashioned ice cream and a variety of snacks and sub sandwiches.

Virginia Kettle Corn - Sugar coated, buttery popcorn.

Wilcox Recreation Center

Building 1673

Internet Café, pool tables, cable television, movies and video games.

Open daily from 10:00 a.m - 12:00 a.m.

Wilcox Gym - Building 1657

Open 7 Days a week, 24 hours a day.

New Cybex equipment has arrived.

Pool Hours

10:00 a.m.- 8:30 p.m.

Outdoor Theater

Located at Wilcox Entertainment Court, across from AAFES PX.

Showtimes: 9:00 p.m. Daily.

Admission: free!

Movie Schedule

Friday - No Movie

Saturday - Star Wars III

Sunday - Kingdom of Heaven

Monday - Coach Carter

Tuesday - Boogeyman

Wednesday - The Chronicles of Riddick

Thursday - White Chicks

Risk Management:

The process of identifying and controlling hazards and making risk decisions to protect the force. It is applicable to any mission or environment, on or off duty.

THE FIVE STEP RISK MANAGEMENT PROCESS

- 1. Identify hazards** to the force. Consider all aspects of current & future situations & know historical problem areas.
- 2. Assess hazards** to determine risk. Assess the impact of each hazard in terms of potential loss.
- 3. Develop controls and make decisions** that eliminate the hazard or reduce risk.
- 4. Implement controls** that will eliminate the hazard.
- 5. Supervise and Evaluate.** Enforce standards and controls.

S . T . O . P . P .

- S** - Stop before you act, don't rush into a situation or mission without considering the risks against the benefits.
- T** - Think about what you are about to do, what is the right way to safely accomplish the task.
- O** - Observe the situation and surrounding environment. What are the risks? How can I reduce them?
- P** - Plan. Develop your plan to reduce the risks and decide how to best implement the plan.
- P** - Proceed with safety. Supervise continuously and constantly look for ways to improve.

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